

SITUATION REPORT NO. 12
INCIDENT NO. 2002-009
DATE: August 9, 2002 TIME: 4:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms, Flooding - Severe thunderstorms have produced heavy rain, gusty winds, hail and flooding.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: Three injuries have been reported to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
3. DAMAGES: Morton County officials reported that August 8 storms produced up to two inches of rain in the Flasher area causing flood damage to some roads while high winds in excess of 60 miles per hour (mph) damaged roofs, siding, and doors of several homes and buildings. Many buildings were leveled, others moved off foundations, and one mobile home was blown over. Several steel grain bins were downed and a pole barn roof was ripped from the structure. Lightning caused several fires that burned haystacks and grassland. A private radio tower was severely damaged. In certain locations, electrical power was lost. Extensive tree damage occurred. The St. Anthony area received up to two inches of rain. Winds above 60 mph caused severe building and tree damage. Corrals were downed and farm equipment was pushed through fences. Some power outages occurred. At one farm site, fire destroyed a barn and over 200 bales. Morton Rural and Flasher Fire Departments responded to fires in Morton County. In the Breien area, high winds severely damaged buildings, barns, and garages. Several steel grain bins were destroyed. Falling trees damaged cars and a house. Up to four inches of rain fell in the Fallon region. A barn was blown into a house; boards were blown through the walls of the home. Several windmills and barns were downed. High winds and heavy rain occurred in New Salem. The areas surrounding Mandan, Hebron, Glen Ullin, and Almont encountered moderate winds accompanied with rain.

Sioux County officials reported high winds on August 8 downed numerous trees in the areas of Selfridge and Fort Yates. More than 12 grain bins were reported damaged or destroyed and roofs were ripped from several barns. In the Selfridge area, power lines and a cable television tower were downed. A Fort Yates man was injured when his mobile home collapsed.

Representatives from Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative indicated fifty power poles were downed in Grant and Sioux Counties; 400-500 customers were without electricity. Complete restoration of power was estimated by the evening of August 9.

On August 8, thunderstorms produced winds over 80 mph and small size hail in the Garrison area of McLean County. Up to three inches of rain fell in fewer than 30 minutes. In the city of Garrison, a power line was downed. More than 50 residences had damage associated with uprooted trees. A small number of homeowners reported water in basements.

On August 8 in Sheridan County, various areas received up to three inches of rain. The McClusky City Park was partially inundated.

On August 8, up to one and one half inches of rain fell in Pembina County. Hail was reported in the Crystal area.

On August 9, the level of Devils Lake level measured 1447.16 feet and Stump Lake measured 1413.39 feet.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Maintenance crews from the affected cities worked to clear debris.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: Power companies continue to repair downed power lines and poles.

9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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